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Subject: Interdepartmental Intelligence Production Program

1. The program for the production of intelligence contained in IAS 1 can be considered as no more than a statement of overall policies and objectives for the guidance of the Central Intelligence Agency and the several intelligence agencies of the National Security Council departments. It defines the several types of intelligence and indicates which departments have dominant interest in certain intelligence subjects. It does not, nor was it intended, to provide a definite intelligence production schedule. Procedures should be perfected to insure that all fields are properly and adequately covered and that each department receives the material outside its field of dominant interest, which it requires for staff intelligence purposes.

2. The need for some schedule for staff intelligence is particularly urgent in the fields of scientific and economic intelligence which are not allocated by IAS 1 but are left to the several departments in accordance with their needs. To only a slightly lesser extent is agreement necessary on such subjects of broad interest as political intelligence.

3. It is understood that in most cases a high degree of cooperation has been available to the other departments much of each department's intelligence product. However, this intelligence has not always been in a form which most readily serves the departments having a secondary interest in the subject.

4. Whereas the Department of the Army can be expected to produce the fullest and most complete intelligence on the military establishments and military potential of foreign governments so as to supply the several branches of the Department of the Army with the information necessary for the development of plans, material, and policies, this intelligence, because of its mere bulk, is not particularly useful to the other departments. A concise summary prepared by military intelligence officers would better serve the secondary requirements of others. Similarly the full flow of political, sociological, and cultural intelligence which is necessary to the day by day operations of the Department of State would over-

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where the intelligence branches of the other National Security departments. They are not, or should not be, interested in the details. But they are interested in and must know the general political picture in each foreign country properly to determine the military potential and military objectives of the foreign governments. Comparable situations exist in the other departments.

5. Whereas in the past some of the departments have established large intelligence groups to collect and evaluate the intelligence information in fields outside their dominant interest, current budgetary restrictions require greater economy of effort and the program for coordinated intelligence production precludes a continuance of this practice.

6. It is the opinion of the Director of Central Intelligence that a prompt and positive approach must be made to a solution of this problem and that he must advise and make recommendations in this field to the National Security Council in fulfillment of his statutory duty as set forth in Section 102(a) of the National Security Act of 1947.

7. It is proposed that the Central Intelligence Agency prepare an interagency intelligence production program, that the preparation be carried out in close cooperation with the intelligence agencies represented on the National Security Council, that it be submitted to the Intelligence Advisory Committee for concurrence or consent prior to issuance for implementation.

8. As a first step in the development of this plan, the Director of Central Intelligence requests that each department intelligence chief submit a comprehensive and detailed statement of the intelligence production program of his department, clearly defining (a) the intelligence requirements of his department; (b) the internal production schedule of his agency to meet these requirements; (c) the existing interagency agreements to augment (1) the internal production with external material and (2) the external requirements with internal production; and (d) the requirements not adequately or satisfactorily met by (b) and (c).

9. The Central Intelligence Agency will attempt to correlate these four department programs and the CIA program and prepare an integrated plan for study and consent and possible revision by the standing committee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee for subsequent presentation to the NSC.

10. With a view toward eliminating undesirable duplication of effort in the production of intelligence, particularly in regard to publications, consideration is being given to the proposal previously made by the JIC that CIA assume the functions of the Publication Review Subcommittee.

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11. It is requested that each recipient of this memorandum inform the Director of Central Intelligence promptly as to the date by which he will be able to comply with 8 above.

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